Supplies of fertilizers are regularly monitored in accordance with the assessed requirement. As can be seen, that availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilizers is over and above the assessed requirement during current Kharif, 2009.

India's share of vegetables and fruits in global market

2271. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India accounts for nearly 11.90 per cent and 10.90 per cent of country's share in the world production of vegetables and fruits, respectively, while its share in the global market in vegetables and fruits stand at 1.70 per cent and 0.50 per cent, respectively;

(b) if so, the reasons for such poor performance, remedial steps taken, outcome thereof;

(c) how much of fruits/vegetables go waste due to lack of proper storage etc.;

(d) whether Indian farmer receives less than a fifth of the high price that the consumer pays and the lion's share is usurped by middlemen; and

(e) if so, how pathetic is plight of farmer?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) India produces 13 percent and 12 percent of world production of vegetables and fruits respectively and its share in the global market is about 1.38 percent in respect of vegetables and fruits. India is the 2nd largest producer of vegetables and fruits and this Ministry aims at doubling the production of fruits and vegetables by 2011-12. For this several schemes have been implemented since 2005-06. There is an increase of 15 percent in vegetable production and 8 percent in fruit production by the end of 2007-08.

(c) About 10-30 percent of fruits and vegetables go waste due to poor handling and lack of post harvest management.

(d) and (e) No survey has yet been conducted on net share received by farmers out of consumers payment and no authentic data is available.

Fertile land turning barren

†2272. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agriculture land in Bulandsehar, Meerut and Baghpat districts of Uttar Pradesh is rapidly turning barren;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.